

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018

PROJECT IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

3496. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to complete all foreign projects committed during the last five years in the neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details of bilateral projects with their present status;
- (c) the funds allocated for the said projects and utilized during the above period, year-wise; and
- (d) the timeline fixed for the completion of these projects and the funds required therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes.

(b) The Government has committed to a number of bilateral projects in the last five years under various modalities in our neighbouring countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In these countries, out of 167 committed projects, 58 projects have been completed and 109 projects are ongoing or under development, excluding Project Tied Assistance to Bhutan and quick impact Small Development Projects (SDPs). The projects span different sectors such as connectivity, energy, hydropower, roads, agriculture, other infrastructure, culture, capacity building, training and healthcare.

(c) The funds for the said projects are utilized from the budget allocated to the individual country. Details of expenditure incurred on projects during the last five years are as under:

S. No.	Aid to Country	Grant Assistance (GA) (Rs. Crore) / Line of Credit (LoC) (US \$ million)	Expenditure				
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Afghanistan	GA	585.31	723.52	880.44	263.02	365.96
2.	Nepal	GA	381.37	303.26	309.94	332.72	376.62

		LoC	0.67	9.10	9.19	91.30	16.28
3.	Myanmar	GA	164.86	104.34	117.07	123.62	223.55
		LoC	0	0	6.96	4.48	31.73
4.	Sri Lanka	GA	420.80	499.70	403.80	99.16	77.89
		LoC	2.07	8.21	4.36	5.33	41.61
5.	Maldives	GA	9.67	26.08	55.04	80.03	109.24
6.	Bangladesh	GA	604.66	197.84	155.68	82.59	78.02
		LoC	13.12	13.68	69.63	91.30	40.11
7.	Bhutan	GA	3926.79	4395.17	5368.46	3441.47	2475.87

(d) The total value of all ongoing projects in the neighbourhood committed during the last five years is approximately Rs. 14,393 Crore. An assessment on fund requirement is made before each financial year based on progress in execution aligned with project implementation cycle. Timelines fixed for projects vary and are determined based on consultation with host governments and ground situation. Every effort is made to implement projects as early as possible, in close consultation with the host Governments.
